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## BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet United States District Court 844 North King Street Wilmington, DE 19801 The Honorable Kent A. Jordan United States District Court 844 North King Street Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Kimball v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-643-KAJ McMath v. MBNA Corp, et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-644-KAJ

Dear Judge Sleet and Judge Jordan:

I am local counsel for defendants in the two above-captioned cases, which were recently transferred to this Court from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). I write regarding the judicial assignment of those cases to Judge Jordan.

These two cases are putative class actions brought on behalf of MBNA shareholders under federal securities law. There are seven other virtually identical actions already pending in this Court that assert the same claims and that were brought on behalf of the same putative class. Indeed, these two cases were transferred to this Court from New York as a direct result of the pendency of these other actions. The seven virtually identical cases, all assigned to Judge Sleet, are:

Baker v. MBNA Corp., et al, Case No. 1:05-cv-00272-GMS; Phillips v. MBNA Corp., et al, Case No. 1:05-cv-00277-GMS; Wilkins v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-00287-GMS; Bronstein v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-00289-GMS; Penn v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-00293-GMS;

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Jones v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-00316-GMS; Blum v. MBNA Corp., et al., Case No. 1:05-cv-00372-GMS

Currently pending before Judge Sleet is an unopposed motion to consolidate these seven actions and appoint lead plaintiff and lead counsel pursuant to federal securities law. The parties also recently filed in those actions a stipulation setting forth an agreed-upon schedule for the filing of a consolidated amended complaint and responsive pleadings.

I write to ask Your Honors to consider having the two cases that have been assigned to Judge Jordan reassigned to Judge Sleet so that they ultimately can be consolidated with the seven virtually identical putative class actions pending before Judge Sleet.

Respectfully yours,

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